

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of auctioning ~~a product products~~ on a computer network ~~having an auction site and a scan site, wherein the auction site has a sale product identifier indicative of a product for sale by a seller,~~ the method comprising:

placing a first sale product identifier indicative of a first product for sale by a first seller on a first auction site which is hosted on the computer network by a first auction site host for a first auctioneer;

placing a second sale product identifier indicative of a second product for sale by a second seller on a second auction site which is hosted on the computer network by a second auction site host for a second auctioneer;

placing a desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by a buyer on the a scan site of which is hosted on the computer network by a scan site host for a third auctioneer; ~~the desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by the buyer;~~

monitoring the auction site sites with the scan site using electronic data interchange messaging in order to compare[[]]

~~comparing~~ the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product identifier identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites;

determining from the comparison between the desired product identifier and the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on any of the auction site sites by any of the seller sellers; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction site sites using electronic data interchange messaging to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the seller sellers to determine the product desired by the buyer.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

notifying the buyer when the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]]  
an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein:  
notifying the buyer includes notifying the buyer using electronic mail.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
each of the product identifiers includes a category product identifier, wherein  
comparing the desired product identifier with the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers includes  
comparing the category product identifier on the scan site with the category product ~~identifier~~  
identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
each of the product identifiers includes a description product identifier, wherein  
comparing the desired product identifier with the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers includes  
comparing the description product identifier on the scan site with the description product  
~~identifier~~ identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites.

6-7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2 further  
comprising:  
placing a bid from the buyer to [[the]] an auction site for the product desired by  
the buyer.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2 further  
comprising:  
removing the desired product identifier from the scan site in response to the  
buyer being notified that the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site  
by [[the]] a seller.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer network auctioning system comprising:

~~an a first auction host computer having an hosting a first auction site on a computer network for a first auctioneer, wherein the first auction site has a first sale product identifier indicative of a first product for sale by a first seller; and~~

~~a second auction host computer hosting a second auction site on the computer network for a second auctioneer, wherein the second auction site has a second sale product identifier indicative of a second product for sale by a second seller; and~~

~~a scan host computer having hosting a scan site on the computer network for a third auctioneer, wherein the scan host computer is operable for placing site has a desired product identifier on the scan site of the computer network, the desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by a buyer, wherein the scan host computer operable to monitor monitors the auction site; sites using electronic data interchange messaging in order to compare the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product identifier identifiers on the auction site; sites and determine then determines from the comparison between the desired product identifier and the sale product identifier identifiers whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on any of the auction site sites by any of the seller sellers;~~

~~wherein the auction host computer monitors computers monitor the scan site using electronic data interchange messaging to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the seller sellers to determine the product desired by the buyer.~~

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:

the scan host computer is further operable to notify the buyer when the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

13. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the scan host computer notifies the buyer using electronic mail.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein:  
the scan host computer is operable for placing a bid from the buyer to ~~[[the]]~~  
an auction site for the product desired by the buyer.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein:  
the scan host computer is operable for removing the desired product identifier  
from the scan site in response to the buyer being notified that the product desired by the buyer  
is for sale on ~~[[the]]~~ an auction site by ~~[[the]]~~ a seller.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:  
each of the product identifiers includes a category product identifier, wherein  
the scan host computer compares the category product identifier on the scan site with the  
category product ~~identifier~~ identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:  
each of the product identifiers includes a description product identifier, wherein  
the scan host computer compares the description product identifier on the scan site with the  
description product ~~identifier~~ identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites.

18-20. (CANCELLED)

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of auctioning ~~a product~~  
merchandise on a computer network ~~having a plurality of auction sites and a scan site, wherein~~  
~~each of the auction sites have sale product identifiers indicative of products for sale by sellers,~~  
the method comprising:

placing sale identifiers indicative of merchandise for sale by sellers on auction  
sites hosted by respective auction site hosts on the computer network for respective  
auctioneers;

placing desired ~~product~~ identifiers indicative of merchandise desired by buyers  
on ~~the a~~ scan site hosted on of the computer network by a scan site host for another auctioneer;  
~~the desired product identifiers indicative of products desired by buyers;~~

monitoring the auction sites with the scan site using electronic data interchange  
messaging in order to compare[[]]

~~comparing~~ the desired ~~product~~ identifiers on the scan sites with the sale ~~product~~  
identifiers on the auction sites;

determining from the comparison between the desired ~~product~~ identifiers and  
the sale ~~product~~ identifiers whether ~~products~~ merchandise desired by the buyers ~~are~~ is for sale  
on the auction sites by the sellers; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction sites using electronic data interchange  
messaging to identify the desired ~~product~~ identifiers placed on the scan site in order to enable  
the sellers to determine the ~~products~~ merchandise desired by the buyers.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 21 further  
comprising:

notifying buyers which auction sites the sellers are selling ~~products~~ the  
merchandise desired by the buyers when the ~~products~~ merchandise desired by the buyers are  
for sale on the auction sites by the sellers.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 22 further  
comprising:

notifying the buyers of the current bid of the ~~products~~ merchandise desired by  
the buyers for sale on the auction sites by the sellers.

24. (CANCELLED)